

V_2/V_1 by Hg porosimetry

0.19 to 0.46

DBP/CTAB

1.2 to 3.5

having good microdispersion properties and being suitable for use in vulcanizable rubber for the production of tires.

9. The precipitated silica according to claim 8, wherein the DBP/CTAB ratio is 1.2 to 2.4.

10. The precipitated silica according to claim 8 that has an average particle fineness $\leq 11 \mu\text{m}$.

11. The precipitated silica according to claim 10 that has an average particle fineness $\leq 10 \mu\text{m}$.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 and 7 will be canceled and claims 8-11 will be pending in this application.

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